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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE CONSUL REMAINS

REF: KINSHASA 9924

1. ON DAY OF HIS DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 15 KINSHASA, OSTENSIBLY AT DIRECTION OF GOZ (REFTEL), PORTUGUESE CONSUL MONTEIRO WAS TAKEN OFF AIR IBERIA PLANE BY CND AUTHORITIES AND TOLD HE WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION. CND ACTION APPARENTLY WAS TAKEN ON ORDERS FROM PRESIDENCY. PASSPORTS OF CONSUL AND HIS FAMILY WERE TAKEN BUT LATER RETURNED.

2. DURING WHOLE WEEKEND CONSUL AND CANADIAN EMBASSY, WHICH HAD ASSUMED PORTUGUESE INTERESTS, SOUGHT TO GET EXPLANATION FOR UNUSUAL GOZ PROCEDURE. FINALLY, ON NOVEMBER 18 MONTEIRO WAS SUMMONED BY FONAFFS DIRECTOR GENERAL BAGBENI AND WAS TOLD THAT PRESIDENT HAD RECONSIDERED HIS "DECISION" TO CLOSE DOWN CONSULATE. HE WAS ALSO INFORMED WHOLE QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE CONSULATE'S PRESENCE WOULD BE STUDIED FURTHER. MONTEIRO WAS THEN REQUESTED TO REMAIN IN KINSHASA AND RESUME WORKING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ORAL PRESENTATION BY BAGBENI WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED IN WRITING BY NOTE BERBALE.

3. MONTEIRO, AFTER HEARING NEWS, PHONED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
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PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INFORM HIS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND

TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM TO STAY PUT AND THAT MATTER WOULD BE RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND POSSIBLY PRESIDENT, TO SEE WHAT STEPS GOP MIGHT OR SHOULD TAKE.

4. COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR HOW LONG MONTEIRO WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON MOBUTU.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENCY WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF ANY DECISION BY MOBUTU TO CLOSE DOWN PORTUGUESE CONSULATE AND THAT FONAFFS MAY HAVE ACTED ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN IN THIS MATTER. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT MOBUTU ONLY KNEW OF ACTION AFTER HE HAD RETURNED FROM LIBREVILLE A FEW HOURS BEFORE MONTEIRO'S DEPARTURE. ACCORDING TO REPORTS MOBUTU IMMEDIATELY COUNTERMANDED FONAFFS DIRECTIVE AND ISSUED ORDER TO DEEK MONTEIRO HERE.

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